## BISCAYNE GARDENS MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BGMAC MINUTES JUNE 9, 2005

## **AMENDED 6/30/05**

Present: Vernell Everett, Roger Gordon, Cheree Gulley, Michelle McCook, Patrinia Dozier-Washington

Meeting called to order by Vernell Everett. Future MAC meetings scheduled for 6/30, 7/14 and 8/11. The third and final public hearing will be held on 8/25/05 at the Biscayne Gardens Civic Association. No public notices will be sent to area residents. Miami-Dade County is required by code to notify area resident of only one public hearing. Notices were mailed to residents for the first public hearing.

In an effort to get more residents involved in the MAC process and upcoming public hearing, several residents including members of the MAC have volunteered to donate signs and flyers in English, Spanish and Creole informing residents of upcoming MAC meetings. Additionally, there is also the possibility of partnering with the public schools to distribute information to parents about upcoming meetings.

Consultant not yet hired by the County. The hiring process could take up to 15 to 20 weeks. However, the Conceptual Agreement can be submitted to Board of County Commissioners before consultant reviews preliminary budget. Observations on additional information provided regarding the Pro Forma Budget:

Special Taxing Districts – The proposed municipality taking over the lighting districts may save residents up to 30/% on lighting costs.

Parks – Programs offered by Oak Grove Park are not exclusive to residents of Biscayne Gardens and therefore a county program. The Pro Forma Budget is based on the "status quo" in services. Therefore, any operations of the parks would be financially outside of the scope of the Pro Forma Budget.

Public Works – Money in Pro Forma Budget may not be enough to make up for deferred maintenance of the roads within the boundaries of Biscayne Gardens but there is sufficient revenue to cover the on going cost of maintenance.

Meeting adjourned.